

CORPUS CHRISTI,

The "Old Point Comfort" of the Gulf Coast!

The beautiful city of Corpus Christi sits upon its lovely bluff rising out of the waters, looking out upon the 150 square miles of dancing waves which constitute the famous Bay of Corpus Christi. Nearly every visitor exclaims:

"I Did Not Dream There was Such a Lovely Spot in the South."

CLIMATE, the most perfect. Cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter than any city in the Southwest. Only three nights of frost last winter. None the previous winter.

SUMMERS are delicious. Thermometer reached 94 only once last year. It reached 91 only twice.

CORPUS CHRISTI BAY, the deepest bay west of Mobile, and by far the deepest on the Texas coast, shaped like a horseshoe, eighteen miles long and ten miles wide, is a lovely body of water, abounding with fish, oysters, crab, shrimp, green sea-turtle, etc.

BATHING, both surf and smooth, can be enjoyed from April to October.

BOATING and Yachting on Corpus Christi Bay are superb.

HEALTH at Corpus Christi is remarkable. Deaths from disease among whites only 8 per 1,000; thus surpassing the most favored health resorts of the world.

DEEP WATER. The passage of the Deep Water bill for Aransas Pass makes Corpus Christi the Coming Chicago of the Southwest.

FOR INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTIVE CIRCULARS ADDRESS

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE,
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS.

"HAPPY IS THE MAN WHO INVESTS OR MOVES THERE NOW!"

Mecca of the Southwest!

Is a Befitting Term for That Part
of Our State Traversed By the
San Antonio & Aransas Pass R'y.

Favored by nature in all its phases, elevated with a healthful climate where pulmonary troubles are unknown, cool summers, with refreshing sea breezes and mild winters, rich, cheap and productive lands. Such is the section to which we invite the traveler in search of health, wealth, pleasure or a location for a home.

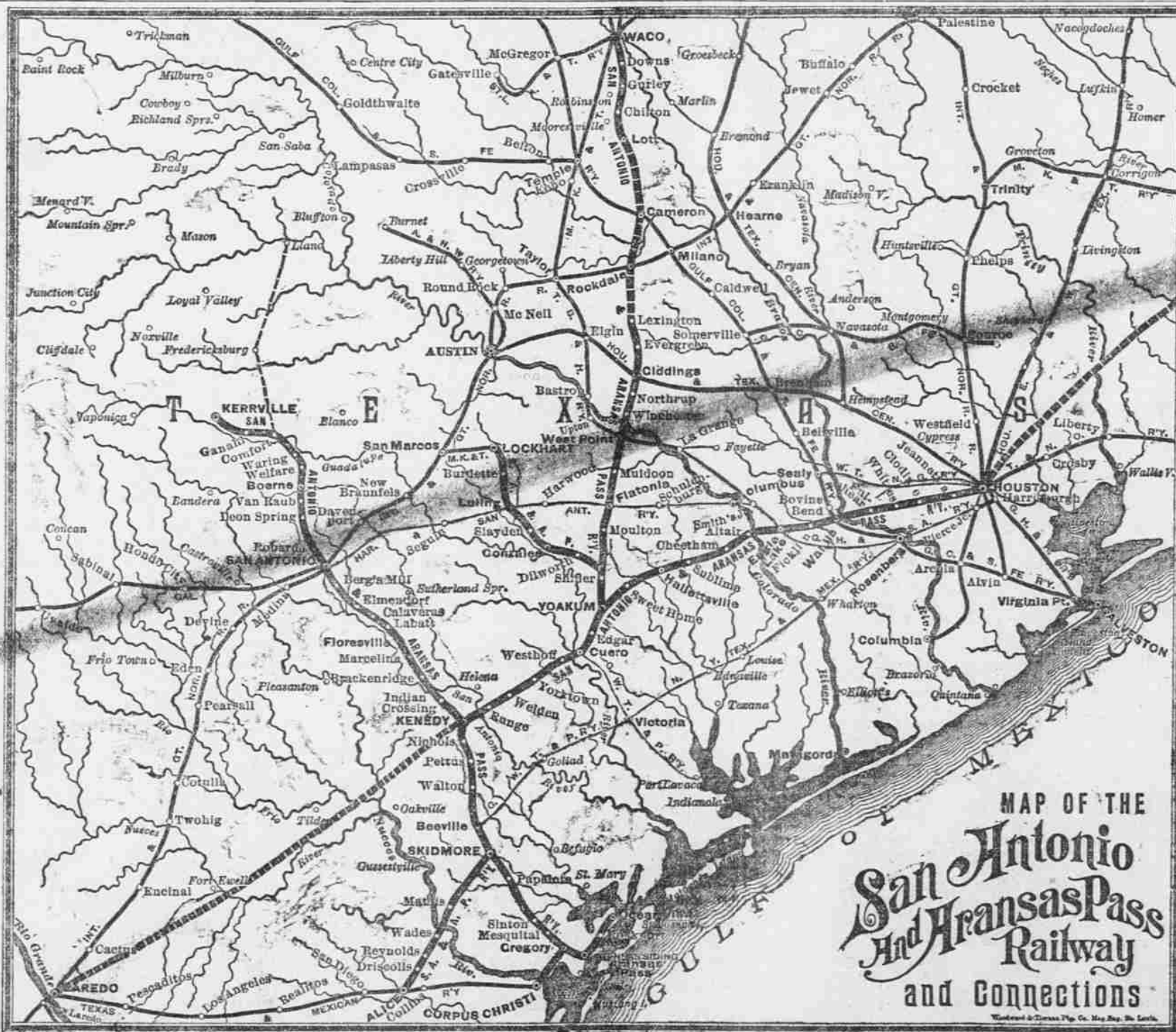
CLIMATE.

It is not possible in the short space allowed here to do justice to the Climate of Southwest Texas. Its physical relations to the continent and the great seas, and its climatic features are so various and peculiar as to present conditions entirely different from any other portion of the world.

THE LATE DR. M. K. TAYLOR,

a man of extensive travel and one of the most eminent authorities on climatology, says:

"The climate of Southwest Texas is delightful and is unsurpassed by any country in all that contributes to the Health, Comfort or Pleasure of its inhabitants."



PRODUCTIONS.

Within the limits of the counties traversed by the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway grow luxuriant crops of wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, corn, sorghum, millet, alfalfa, broom corn, castor beans, peas and beans of all varieties, peaches, pears, plums, grapes, figs, and other fruits, tomatoes and all other vegetables, melons of every variety and great size and lusciousness, all kinds of grasses, flowers and nursery stock. The grains and fruits of the North as well as the Southern staples are all here, and intelligent cultivation alone is needed to make of this region the garden spot of America.

There is not a county through which this road passes that does not afford thousands of acres of soil adapted to the growth of what is above enumerated and much more.

WHAT IT OFFERS.

It is along the lines of this road that Southwest Texas offers such inducements to settlers as would, if fully understood, rapidly fill this whole region with corn and cotton farms, fruit orchards and vineyards, vegetable gardens and root crops of all kinds. The lands through which this road runs are very fertile, well watered and timbered. The climate is unsurpassed and there is not any section of the country through which it passes in which farming operations cannot be successfully carried on. Fruits, grapes, vegetables and melons ripen and are marketed weeks in advance of other sections. Write to

R. W. ANDREWS,

Assistant General Passenger Agent at
SAN ANTONIO,

And learn what members of the National Horticultural Association say about this section of Texas.

BOERNE, KENDALL CO.

Boerne, on the line of the Aransas Pass railroad, 30 miles north of San Antonio, latitude 30 deg., 150 miles from the coast and 1500 feet above the sea, is in the center of the warm dry belt which stretches northward and westward from San Antonio, where is found a happy medium between the humidity of the coast regions and rarified atmosphere of the plains northwest—is peculiarly favorable for the preservation and restoration of health. Having a mean average temperature in winter of 50 deg.; in summer of 80 deg.; an average humidity of 60 deg., it can be relied on throughout the year for a climate healthy, equable, agreeable, invigorating and peculiarly conducive to longevity. Statistics show that the mortality of Boerne and Kendall county is the lowest of any section in the world.

Boerne is the most considerable town on the railroad, has about 1000 inhabitants engaged in various industrial occupations: is beautifully laid out in a slightly rolling valley amid the detached foothills of the rocky mountains which pile up beyond and commands on every side the most charming and diversified scenery. Good hotels and boarding houses are numerous, talented physicians are at command, while fresh meat, honey, milk, fish, game, fruits, with all the delicacies for invalid appetites, are in abundance. Roads lead out in every direction, through fertile valleys, by running streams, over green hills and up silent canyons, giving attractions to lovers of nature, artists and seekers after health, pleasure and recreation.

Houses may be rented, lands may be purchased from \$3.50 to \$25 per acre—improvements and character of land considered.

Throughout the summer campers for a few weeks or months can have the loan of tents to be pitched in a sylvan grove by a clear running stream, and everything done for their enjoyment by a committee of reliable citizens.

BEE COUNTY AND BEEVILLE.

New El Dorado for Home-seekers and Investors.

Bee county lies midway between the San Antonio and Nueces rivers, less than 100 miles southeast of San Antonio, 190 west of Houston, 60 from Aransas Pass, the future great seaport, and 200 from the Rio Grande. The county is generally level or rolling prairie, but well drained and entirely free from marshes. Black sandy loam with clay sub-soil is the prevailing quality of soil, interspersed in some portions with very rich, black mesquite land. While the soil is as rich as any in Texas, there is none but what contains sand enough to scour on the plow. Bee county will average as much cotton to the acre as any in the state. Picking begins a month earlier and continues a month later than in North Texas. Corn and oats grow well, never having failed entirely. Wheat is but little sown. The crop of natural mesquite hay is something immense. Irish and sweet potatoes, melons, pumpkins and all kinds of vegetables grow to great perfection. Pears, peaches, plums, apricots, figs, oranges, bananas, strawberries, raspberries and all kinds of small fruits grow remarkably well, as demonstrated upon the market fruit farms that are being opened around Beeville. Bee county has plenty of timber for fuel and fencing. About three-fourths of the county is susceptible of cultivation, though less than 10 per cent. is now cultivated. Raising of cattle, horses and mules has been the chief occupation of the people until 1890, when the farm average has been tenfold increased. Much attention is given to improving the breeds, and stock farming is destined to be the leading industry. The blizzard's chilling blast spends its fury before reaching Bee county and has but little influence upon the thermometer. Sixty miles is far enough removed from the gulf to get full benefit of its constant and glorious breezes, free of its excess of salt and humidity and perfumed with the fragrance of the flower-decked prairies, affording, indeed, a climatic El Dorado. Here is the world's sanitarium and place of refuge from scores of the ill—as human flesh is heir to." Blanco, Media,

Panola, Aransas and Pamplico creeks and their tributaries, aided by hundreds of wells and windmills furnish abundance of pure water for man and beast. Considering the great fertility of the soil and variety and immense yields of grass, Bee county has the cheapest lands and holds out more inducements to the stock farmer and market gardener, orchardist, vintner, etc., than any other county in Texas. A careful inspection of the county and its resources will readily convince all of this fact. The livestock barons have the bulk of the land in their pastures, but it has been clearly and successfully demonstrated that the longhorn cannot get as much out of the ground as the man with the hoe can. The herds are rapidly moving westward in search of pasture new and are closely followed by the gang plow, sulky cultivator and harrower, which are rapidly converting the county into one vast farm, orchard and garden; "speed the plow." The Aransas Pass and Southern Pacific systems give Bee county excellent transportation facilities, low rates, prompt service, fast trains and first-class mail facilities. Wells Fargo and Pacific express companies and Aransas Pass and Western Union telegraph companies cause a like result in these most valuable advances. County taxes 1901, twenty-five cents on \$1000. Bonded debt of county, \$3,500. Scrip at par and cash in treasury to pay all debts of the county.

In schools and churches Bee county stands peer among the foremost. Local self-taxation has done much for the school system of the county. Beeville's graded schools have attracted as many good people, perhaps, as our railroads. Ample grounds have been dedicated and movement inaugurated to erect a \$50,000 college at Beeville, which will attract students from a vast scope of country and prove a bonanza indeed to the newly incorporated little city. The legislature will not have to make good dirt roads for Bee county. Nature has already greatly blessed her in this regard. Contracts are made for substantial iron bridges over the streams. Beeville, nestling snugly in the matchless prairie valley of the Pamplico creek, enjoys the most beautiful natural location of any town in Texas; population about 2000, principally acquired in the last year. The professions and trades and lines of trade are well represented by live, capable, enterprising citizens, each vying with all the rest in keeping the ties of the town. The result of this programme can only be understood and appreciated by coming upon the ground and hearing the blarney of the "Queen Bee" and dodging to escape being run over by this car of progress. In intelligence, morals, manners and independence, Bee county does not take a back seat for anybody's county. She stands with flying colors over in the front ranks in the thickest of the fight for progress. Petrus, Walcott, Skidmore and Pamplico are small and unimportant towns in the county. Home-seekers and investors, come and see this grand county with unlimited resources and brilliant future and we will make you into the ranks of our splendid citizenship and make you also a working Bee in our swarm. Now is the accepted time. There are many good things being done here now. Come while you can get your share merely by putting in your claim and line your pockets with glittering shovels. See Beeville exhibit at Spring Palace and get a copy of "The Beeville Bee" containing exhaustive write-up and ask her representative for further information.

KERRVILLE,

ON THE

San Antonio and Aransas Pass,

SANITARIUM OF TEXAS.